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SUBJECT: BUTHELEZI'S COMMENTS AT KWAZULU LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

1. REGULAR SESSION OF KWAZULU LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY (KLA)  
WAS OPENED MARCH 16 BY SAG MINISTER FOR INDIAN AFFAIRS MARAIS  
STEYN WHO MADE LOW KEY, NON-CONTENTIOUS SPEECH SPOTLIGHTING  
ACHIEVEMENTS OF KWAZULU GOVERNMENT AND AREAS WHERE IMPROVE-  
MENTS COULD BE MADE. AS IN THE PAST CHIEF BUTHELEZI USED  
OCCASION TO RESTATE FORCEFULLY HIS VIEWS ON THE ROLE AND  
STATUS OF KWAZULU AND DIRECTION OF EVENTS IN SOUTH AFRICA.

2. BUTHELEZI'S COMMENTS WERE UNUSUALLY SHORT BUT CONTINUED  
IN THE CONFRONTATIONIST STYLE HE HAS ADHERED TO IN RECENT  
MONTHS. BUTHELEZI CHARACTERIZED LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLIES IN THE  
HOMELANDS AS NOTHING MORE THAN LOCAL ADMINISTRATIVE MACHINERY  
AND REITERATED HIS POSITION THAT BLACKS DEMAND FULL RIGHTS  
IN ONE UNDIVIDED SOUTH AFRICA. HE CITED THE EXAMBLE OF THE  
UNITED STATES AS A "MULTI-RACIAL, MULTI-ETHNIC" COUNTRY WHERE  
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GROUPS LIVE CHEEK TO JOWL WITH ONE ANOTHER WITHOUT FEARING  
FOR THEIR EXISTENCE AS ETHNICITIES. HE STRUCK HARD AT SAG  
POLICIES WHICH HE DESCRIBED AS "POLITICAL LUNACY" AND ADDED  
THAT "BLACK AND WHITE SOUTH AFRICANS MAY AT THIS VERY  
MOMENT BE POISED FOR A HOLOCAUST WHOSE DIMENSIONS HAVE NOT  
YET BEEN WITNESSED BY THE WORLD WITHIN LIVING MEMORY. I AM  
CONVINCED THAT THE PRESENT GRANOLITHIC INTRANSIGENCE OF THE

GOVERNMENT SPELLS DISASTER FOR ALL THE PEOPLE OF THIS COUNTRY."

3. PERHAPS SPEAKING IN DEFENCE TO MINISTER STEYNE, WHOM HE DESCRIBED AS SOMEONE HE KNEW VERY WELL AND WHO WAS MORE BROADMINDED THAN OTHER MEMBERS OF THE GOVERNMENT, BUTHELEZI SOUGHT TO "GIVE THE GOVERNMENT ITS DUE". HE SAID THAT, AS UNFAIR AS THE PRESENT SYSTEM OF HOMELAND GOVERNMENTS ARE, THEY DO ALLOW THE BLACKS MORE INVOLVEMENT IN MAKING DECISIONS AT THE LOCAL LEVEL THAN DID THE PREVIOUS "WHITE MINORITY REGIMES." HE ALSO COMPARED THE PRESENT STATUS AND ASPIRATIONS OF THE BLACK MAN TO THAT OF THE AFRIKAANER UNDER BRITISH RULE AND STATED "SURELY THIS DETERMINATION OF THE AFRIKAANER VOLK IS WORTH OUR EMULATION, WHATEVER THE COST MAY BE, FOR THEY NEVER COUNTED ANY COST".

4. BUTHELEZI IN LATER COMMENTS PROPOSED A BUDGET OF R115,489,500 (US \$133,056,600) FOR THE COMING FISCAL YEAR, ANNOUNCED THE FORMATION OF A MINISTRY OF HEALTH, BRINGING TO SEVEN THE NUMBER OF MINISTRIES IN THE GOVERNMENT, AND ALSO ANNOUNCED HIS INTENTION OF RAISING THE SALARIES AND ESTABLISHING A PENSION FUND FOR THE MEMBERS OF THE ASSEMBLY. HE PROPOSED THAT THE COMPOSITION OF ALL COMMITTEES WOULD REMAIN THE SAME AS BEFORE EXCEPT THAT BARNEY DLADLA, A FORMER CLOSE ADVISOR TO BUTHELEZI BUT NOW A POLITICAL OUTCAST, WOULD LOSE HIS COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP.

5. BUTHELEZI MADE NO REFERENCE TO HIS RECENT TRIP TO THE US AND TANZANIA NOR OF HIS MEETINGS WITH PRESIDENTS CARTER AND NYERERE. THERE WAS ALSO NO DISCUSSION OF THE PROPOSED ELECTIONS  
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IN KWAZULU, TENTATIVELY SLATED FOR NOVEMBER OF THIS YEAR. BUTHELEZI WILL MAKE A FORMAL POLICY SPEECH TO THE ASSEMBLY LATER DURING THE EXPECTED TWO WEEK SESSION.FARBER

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